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## **POISONINGS**

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### **PRIORITIES**

Assure rescue personnel safety

ABC's

Determine degree of physiological distress

Obtain vital signs, history and complete physical assessment including the substance ingested, the amount, time and route.

Bring ingested substance to hospital with patient.

Expeditious transport

### **FIELD ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT INDICATORS**

Altered level of consciousness

Signs and symptoms of substance ingestion, inhalation, injection or surface absorption

History of substance poisoning

### **DEFINITIVE CARE**

1. Assure and maintain ABC's
2. High flow oxygen as clinically indicated. Oxygen saturation on room air prior to oxygen administration, if available
3. Contact poison control
4. Obtain accurate history of incident:
  - a. Name of product or substance
  - b. Quantity ingested, duration of exposure
  - c. Time elapsed since exposure
  - c. Pertinent medical history, chronic illness, medical problems within the last 24 hours, medication
5. Monitor vital signs
6. Expeditious transport